

REMARKS

According to the Office Action mailed on April 29, 2009, claims 11-25 have been examined and stand rejected. Specifically, claims 15, 16 and 18-21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite with regard to the recitation of "antigen."¹ Claim 15 has been amended to further define antigen as "a glycolipid antigen from *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* H₃₇Rv (ATCC-27294)." In view of this amendment, Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

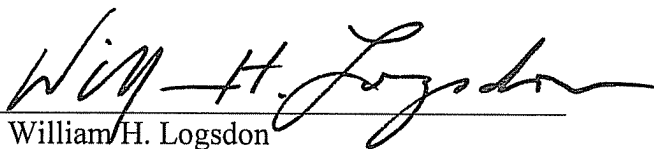
Claims 17 and 22-25 are also rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being definite with regard to claim 17's recitation of "antigen".² Claim 17 has been amended to recite "an unpurified antigen", which is extracted from the cells, and "the glycolipid antigen", referring to the antigen recited in claim 15. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of these amendments, Applicants respectfully request that claims 11-25 be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ Office Action at page 2.

² Office Action at page 3.